

Questions and Answers

Welcome to the new and improved SFWMD.gov Web site!

What are the major site enhancements?

The Web site has been redesigned and reengineered to make it more useful to anyone who wants information about the South Florida Water Management District. Easy-to-find facts and figures, reports, data and interesting images and multimedia presentations are more readily accessible on the improved site. The restructured Web site now includes streamlined navigation and integrated multimedia tools to highlight the most relevant information, making www.sfwmd.gov even more dynamic.

Please take a few minutes to explore what's new and become familiar with the improvements. There are some surprises in store for visitors! Following the initial launch, the new look and structure will continue to be introduced in phases through mid-2010, so check the Web site frequently for additional updates and new pages.

What are the key features of the redeveloped site?

Users can now move from place to place within the site to find and gather information in a dramatically streamlined way. This was achieved by rethinking and reorganizing everything on the Web site, beginning with where information is stored to how it is presented.

Visitors can find information through a variety of navigation paths, using the option that is most intuitive or comfortable for each individual user. This may mean browsing by topic, region or water management mission responsibility – or by choosing from a series of user-group tabs: residents and visitors; engineers and scientists; businesses; and educators and students.

The Web site's new design and construction uses current technologies to make it more interactive and appealing. Expanded multimedia capabilities, animations, video clips and other graphic features have been added. Specific reports, documents, publications, presentations, charts, videos and other data can be found quickly. As additional levels of the new site continue to unfold in the coming months, a more extensive library with a powerful search tool will be available.

Is information from the old Web site available?

Current information about District missions, programs and projects remains available throughout the Web site and in the new online library. As the new site evolves, some pages may be consolidated or replaced with more relevant or pertinent pages, helping to reduce duplicate information. Older or dated information may be archived.

How long will bookmarked links continue to work?

Most bookmarked links will need to be updated when existing Web pages are replaced by newer or consolidated pages. This is an easy fix for frequent visitors. First, search for the new page by topic, region, mission or audience category. An alternative is to use the site-wide search tool on the home page. Then, simply reset the link.

Up-to-date news, features and multi-media presentations will be added regularly, making it worth re-visiting the home page at www.sfwmd.gov to see the latest new details and information.

Will the multimedia upgrades require the latest version of Adobe Flash Player?

No. Multimedia presentations on the Web site were created and published using Adobe Flash, version 8. Newer versions of Adobe Flash are available, but they are not required to open videos, audio recordings and other presentations. For visitors with older versions of Adobe Flash Player on their computers, a link to download a more updated version will pop up on the Web site home page. If needed, the Adobe Flash update is a free and safe download.